

## Local and Personal Items

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

George S. Williams, of Wauchula, is in Arcadia today.

Charles Doll, of Jacksonville, is in Arcadia today.

J. C. Coker, of Limestone, spent yesterday in Arcadia.

L. W. Walker, of Tampa, is in Arcadia today on business.

W. E. Lang, of Jacksonville, is in the city today on business.

J. F. Crutchfield, of Tampa, is a guest at the Arcadia House today.

F. E. Platt returned last night from a business trip to Tampa.

C. A. Skipper, of Avon Park, a well known banker of that town, is in Arcadia today on business.

A. D. Hagadorn is at the Arcadia House today, registered from Tampa.

G. F. Prowinski, of Tampa, arrived last night and is attending to business affairs here.

Mrs. G. M. Wright, of Lakeland, is in the city today, a guest at the Arcadia House.

Mrs. John Dowd, of Fort Ogden, is visiting friends and relatives in Arcadia today.

H. C. DuPree, a traveling man of Bartow, was in the city for a few hours today on business.

D. S. Williams returned yesterday from Brownville, where he spent several days visiting friends.

W. W. Langford spent yesterday in Fort Myers on business. Mr. Langford returned on the afternoon train.

Mrs. Tom Parker, of Arcadia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blount. —Bartow Courier-Informant.

Brown Kilpatrick passed through the city this morning from Arcadia. —Bartow Courier-Informant.

H. M. Smith and S. J. Jones, of Jacksonville, arrived in Arcadia this morning, to remain several days on business.

Ben Bryan, of Tampa, is in Arcadia today on his regular weekly visit. "Uncle Ben" is registered at the Arcadia House.

Judge F. A. Whitney, of Arcadia, spent last Wednesday in the city on business connected with the validation of the \$1,500,000 bond issue for hard surfaced roads. —Bartow Courier-Informant.

Mrs. J. C. Kickliter, of Stuart, Fla., arrived in the city last night and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Everett Harben, of this city.

Ed. Shaffer, a popular young man of Nocatee, spent yesterday in Fort Myers and returned to Arcadia and spent the evening in this city.

Mrs. C. M. Johnson left yesterday for Jacksonville to take her young grandson home, who has been visiting her for some time.

Fred McConnell, of Jacksonville, came up this morning from Arcadia, where he has been on business. —Bartow Courier-Informant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Timberlake, of Arcadia, spent a few days the first of last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Earnest. —Bartow Courier-Informant.

Mrs. J. P. Ward, daughter of F. E. Platt, of this city, who has been their guest for the past week, left this morning for her home in Palatka. Miss Grace Platt accompanied her home and will remain as her guest for some time.

The Knights of Pythias held their quarterly district meeting in Fort Meade last night. The local lodge sent a delegation of six men to represent this lodge. The delegation left here yesterday afternoon on the 5 o'clock train and returned to this city this morning. Those attending were: J. L. Jones, Capt. George M. Lynch, W. E. Daniel, Fred S. Gore, J. O. Bickley and I. G. Royall.

**MR. AND MRS. HIGGINBOTHAM ENTERTAINED.**

Last evening a very enjoyable event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Higginbotham, when he and his estimable wife entertained eighteen of their friends at a party which was given in compliment to Professor and Mrs. Green. Many of Mr. Higginbotham's friends had expressed themselves as wishing to hear Mr. Green play the piano, as he is a musician of much merit. For this reason the party was given, and for several hours the guests had the pleasure of hearing Professor Green's excellent music. Besides this music the guests entertained themselves at singing old time melodies. The affair was a most informal one, and Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham proved themselves charming hosts. At a late hour the gathering disbanded and departed for their homes, all expressing themselves as having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

**PASTOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH DELIVERS FINE SERMON.**

Rev. Chester Sprague, pastor of the Christian church of Arcadia, is delivering some of the best and most instructive sermons at the opera house that have ever been delivered in this city. It is an hour well spent to attend his services. His sermon last Sunday, both morning and evening, were very instructive. On account of some important business matters Mr. Sprague had to leave Monday morning for St. Petersburg, but he will

return the latter part of the week and will preach next Sunday, morning and evening. His subject for the morning discourse will be "The Christian's Resources," and in the evening, "Why Must Christ Die?" Come out and hear him at both services.

**MAN KILLED BY PANTHER.**

Levy Bass and Ross Carter, of Moseley Hall, reported in the city Monday that one day last week in San Pedro swamp, in Taylor county, a panther killed and devoured, all but the hands and feet, Clayton McDonough, a young white man. They also said that friends of the man, worried over his failure to return, found his carcass in the swamp and watched for the panther to come back, when they killed it. They stated that the animal measured eleven feet from tip to tip. John Pickles was in town Tuesday, and he made the same report, and nothing more definite has as yet been learned here. —Enterprise-Recorder, Madison, Fla.

**LADIES' FRIDAY MUSICAL SOCIETY.**

The Ladies' Friday Musical Society wish to announce that their official year book is on sale now at Mrs. W. E. Robertson's, who is librarian for the society. The same can be had by paying 25 cents to Mrs. Robertson from this date on.

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE TO OPEN CAMPAIGN.**

St. Petersburg, July 18.—Those persons who think that Noel A. Mitchell is joking about running for governor as an independent candidate will get a jolt when Mitchell will formally open his campaign by a speech in this city. He has arranged to get the band stand in Williams' Park tonight, and will address the voters of this city, explaining his platform and why he is running. He will follow this up by speaking in all the big cities of the state, and will shortly invade Tampa and then go to Jacksonville, Miami, and other large places. He says he intends to speak in every good sized town in the state. Mr. Mitchell's candidacy is beginning to attract attention, though everybody contends he will not figure in the race.

Kent Pendleton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in this state, is much exercised over the candidacy of Mr. Mitchell, who has declared in favor of prohibition. Mr. Pendleton has written a letter disclaiming any responsibility for Mr. Mitchell running. The local man says he has the money to make a state-wide campaign, and as he is a clever speaker, his friends say he will certainly stir up the state before next November.

**SHIPPING BILL UP FOR VOTE.**

Washington, July 18.—Final agreement of amendments to the administration shipping bill was reached by democratic members of the senate commerce committee, and today the full committee will vote on the revised measure. It will be taken up in the senate after the naval and army appropriation bills have been passed and republicans have promised not to filibuster against it.

Closer restriction on conditions under which the government may operate merchant vessels is the principal object of the amendments agreed to. Many restrictions also would be placed on the classes of vessels which the board might place under government operation.

A provision under which foreign built vessels acquired by American citizens would be permitted to operate in the coastwise trade also was written into the bill by the subcommittee.

**OWENS.**

Mrs. W. H. Hooker visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lovel Lanier, of Arcadia, is visiting his mother this week.

Rev. N. E. Norwood has gone to Sweetwater to hold a two weeks' meeting.

Little Ernest Brewer had the misfortune of falling from a wagon and breaking his arm last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Johnson, of Myakka City, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. H. D. Brewer left Saturday for Atlanta and other points in Georgia. From there he will go to Washington to visit his son, Owen Brewer.

Miss Daniels, of Sanibel is visiting Misses Eva and Mary Richardson.

The ladies of the F. W. and C. club met with Mrs. J. W. Brewer Thursday. The next meeting will be held with Misses Pearl and Emma Bullock.

A jolly crowd of young folks attended church at Pine Level last Sunday. All report a splendid time and plenty to eat.

Mrs. Cora Hayman, of Tampa, and Mrs. C. D. Dishong, of Wauchula, visited Mrs. J. F. Thigpin Monday and Tuesday.

J. W. Freeman and J. H. Matthews, two prominent fruit growers of Nocatee, were in Owens Thursday in the interest of the Citrus Exchange.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Johnson has been sick for over a week with tonsillitis.

Mr. Reuben Wilson and family, of Placida, have moved to the Gaines place.

Our school will open the second Monday in August, with Mr. J. G. Johnson principal. We are all in hopes that our county superintendent will get busy and have our new school building erected by then.

Mrs. Sallie Lanier entertained at her home Tuesday night in honor of Miss Pearl Bullock. A number of games were played, after which all retired to the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were: Misses Junia Rodgers, Lucile Simmons, Emma Bullock, Mabel Blackburn, Leila Langford, Maude Brewer, and Pearl Bullock; Messrs. C. B. Moody, Grady Brewer, Frank Coulter, William Bullock, Leonard Simmons, Horace Rodgers, Joseph Morton and Stanley Blackburn. Those present reported a pleasant evening.

**NEWS IN BRIEF.**

**Clay County:—**

The Southern Cattle Feeding Company, which has its principal ranges in Clay county, has taken up the matter of co-operation in the tick eradication movement. The company has several vats on their property, around which is 125 miles of barbed wire fencing. The officials of the company state that they will do everything in their power to aid in this great fight.

**Jacksonville:—**

The Garrick Studios Company, capitalized at \$160,000, will let a contract this week for the construction of a large moving picture plant. The plant will consist of large inside and outside stages, a complete lighting system, a laboratory, over 100 dressing rooms, and all other equipment necessary for an up-to-date moving picture producing plant.

**St. Petersburg:—**

St. Pete's tax assessment this year is \$16,000,000—nearly double that of last year, which was \$7,500,000.

**Manatee:—**

Work has been started on the Sarasota-Venice road section of Manatee county. \$250,000 will be expended on this stretch of road.

**Oklawaha:—**

W. P. Leimer, who has invented a combination pipe lighter, spirit compass, cleaner, knife blade and cork screw, contemplates the installation of a plant large enough to manufacture 1,000 pipes daily.

**Live Oak:—**

The new government building which cost \$50,000, after a year's work, has been completed and was this week occupied by the postoffice force.

**Palatka:—**

The Oklawaha Valley Railroad now in operation between Palatka and Ocala, proposes to build an extension from Ocala to Boca Grande on the gulf.

**Fort Myers:—**

F. W. Butterfield, of Concord, N. H., has purchased a valuable piece of property in Fort Myers, and contemplates erecting a modern apartment house thereon.

**Daytona:—**

Rev. D. H. Rutter came to Daytona Monday from St. Augustine to look after the erection of an apartment house of four apartments on North Palmetto avenue.

**St. Petersburg:—**

On account of increased patronage the management of the Rex Theatre has let contracts for extensive improvements on the building. When the work is completed the Rex will be one of the best in the city.

**Pasco County:—**

An election to decide compulsory school attendance held in four precincts of Pasco county was carried by an overwhelming majority. Most of the credit for this victory is due to the Dade City Woman's Club, which was the first to start the movement in that county.

**Tampa:—**

Application has been made by the Hillsboro-Pinellas Interurban Railway Company for a charter, which announces its capitalization at a million dollars, and its purpose to construct and operate an electric line between Tampa and St. Pete. The organization is made up of Tampa men.

**DeLand:—**

The First National Bank of DeLand purchased \$60,000 worth of sub-district school bonds at one hundred and ten, probably the largest premium ever paid in Florida. There were twenty-one bidders, and the successful one got the bonds for \$66,017.60. The proceeds of the sale are to be used in the construction and furnishing of a first class school building in DeLand.

**Polk County:—**

Final plans have been adopted and contract awarded for the Peace River drainage district of Polk county. The main canal will be twenty-two miles long to the center of the district, and there will be 120 miles of laterals, etc., to reclaim 45,000 acres of land for forage and truck crops. The estimated cost is \$258,877.

**Tampa:—**

F. W. Woolworth & Company, who operate a large department store in Tampa, will soon open another store in Ybor City.

**Brooksville:—**

Citizens of Brooksville contemplate bonding for the purpose of establishing a large water works system.

**ALL U. S. BEGINS AUTOMOBILE TOUR AUGUST 6.**

**National Touring Week to Lure Nation to Take the Road.**

The greatest organized automobile travel this country has ever seen is assured for National Touring Week, noting a general starting on vacation automobile trips August 6th by the motorists of this country.

The idea of an official automobile tour participated in by every motorist who can make his vacation coincide with the week of August 6th has gripped the interest of the owners of motor cars through the land. The early momentum the movement has gained has surprised the originators of the idea. All Americans who think of automobiles and vacations in the same breath are thinking with the red letter date "August 6th" branded on the thought.

The automobile trade and automo-

bile clubs have enlisted in the movement, and are driving it ahead with their characteristic force. News-pers, sensing the popular appeal of so novel an outing, are hurrying to development along.

That American motorists should spend their vacations in their automobiles on the road is common sense. That as many of them should attempt to do so on an official touring week is merely an efficient method of arousing the nation to seeing America now.

The organization of National Touring Week is neglecting no department or phase of this nation-wide motor outing. Hotels are being stimulated to provide for the week, and are making extra preparations to care for the exceptional travel at that time. Supply dealers are strengthening their organizations to meet the demands of the great coincident mileage they have ever faced.

"See America first by seeing your own state first," is the sentiment behind this national outing a-wheel. Coupled with it is the reminder to the motorist that the finest vacation offered him is the one nearest—a vacation tour of his own state in his own car.

The average automobilist knows something about the beauty and natural wonders of his own state than any other part of his country, notwithstanding the fact that, whatever his state, spots of picturesque charm are hidden without number within a radius of a hundred miles of his garage. With a road map and an intelligent eye he can find them. He may link them on a circuit that will stand forth as the tour of his life.

The motorist who falls to tune to his car for the week of August 6th is jeopardizing the full joy of his vacation.

**ANOTHER.**

In addition to Noel A. Mitchell, the Sand Man, who is an independent candidate for governor, St. Petersburg also has a candidate for this office in the person of C. C. Allen, who has been selected by the socialist party as candidate for governor, and other candidates have been named. —News Item.

Is St. Pete trying to be another Lakeland in the matter of gathering offices for her citizens? No one. Those Lakeland fellows have the "get it" habit.

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